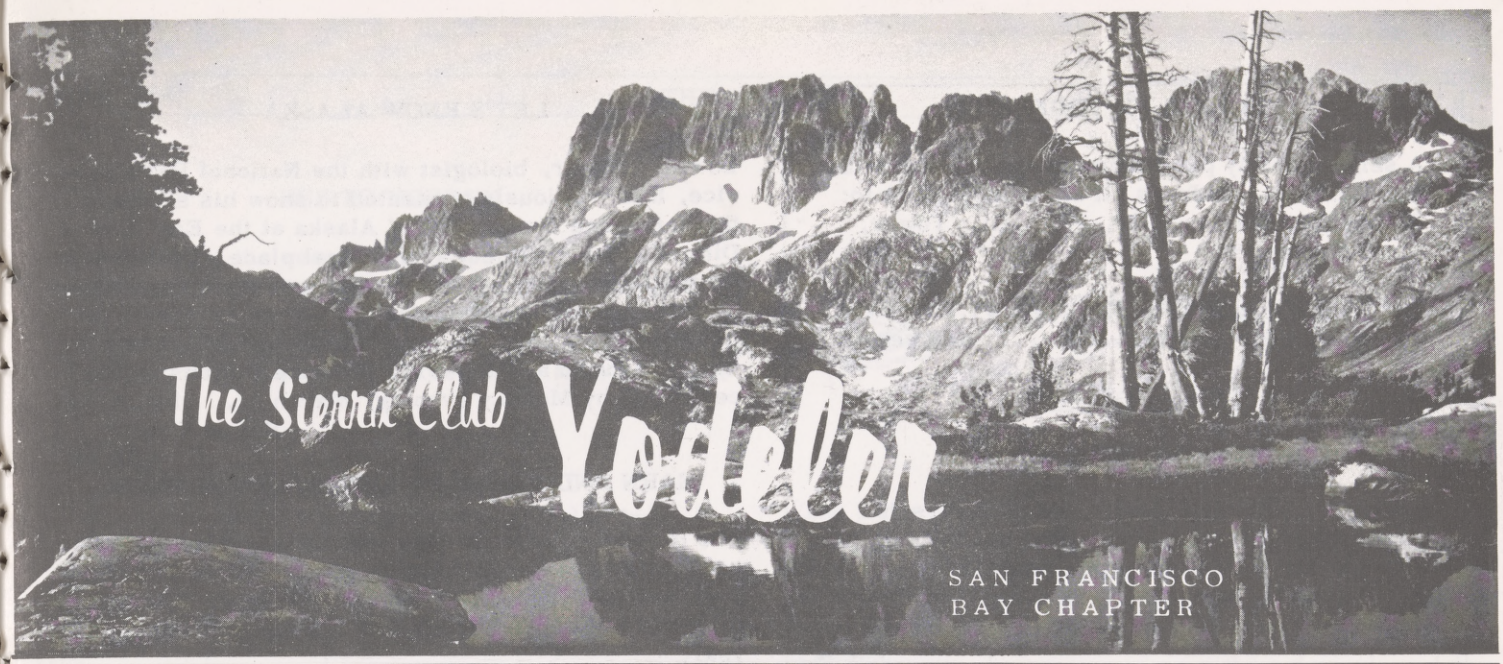


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## CONSERVATION NEWS ITEMS

The Bay Chapter Conservation Committee is busy working for a bigger and better Tamalpais State Park. Do you know any groups or clubs which might be interested? If so, copies of our Resolution can be obtained from Larry Williams, Box 103, Canyon, Calif. There will soon be a leaflet, with pictures available for distribution to the Chapter members.

Two items in the mail this week about country which was not conserved ...

Lake Almanor. When the dam was built many years ago on the North Fork of the Feather River there was no law requiring removal of trees on a reservior site. The water backed into the woods and killed thousands of trees. They still remain as a ghastly forest of dead stumpage. We quote from the report: 140,000 snags were counted, and 40,000 visible fallen logs. Equipment needed would be at least two floating pile rigs, a launch, a tractor, necessary crews and labor to burn stumps on land. Each barge might pull 32 stumps a day. It would take ten years. The cost: $10.00 for each snag, $5.00 for each log: one and a half million dollars in all.

It's much cheaper to wait a hundred years for Nature to take its course. Our great-grandchildren may think Lake Almanor a beauty spot. Meanwhile there are excellent trout in the lake which may even be gaining benefit from shelter and food due to the maze of tree roots in the water.

Our Nevada correspondent sends a picture of the open cast copper mine at Kimbley, a hugh pit 1350 feet across and 550 feet deep which has just ceased operations. In five years they moved ten million tons of surface rock to get out five million tons of very low grade ore. The letter says "All the over-burden from this hole was transferred to a lovely green valley ... no longer lovely. While we are used to this type of devastation in this mining area it certainly is an Exhibit A on why conservationists should watch the inroads mining makes on untouched areas.... When I look at the destruction of the Lone City area I wonder if the "take" was worth it. This is at the door of the proposed new National Park at Wheeler Peak and Lehmann Caves, Nevada. Perhaps our new Toiyabe Chapter will have other similar items to report from that part of the country.

-- CMC

## "ADVENTURAMA, A CANYON VOYAGE"

The Sierra Club, in cooperation with the Berkeley Recreation Department, is sponsoring a showing of Charles Eggert's exciting Cinemascope movie of a boat trip down the Colorado River from Wyoming to the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

The movie will be projected on a wide screen and accompanied by music and stereophonic sound. This will be an outstanding event that you won't want to miss. Charles Eggert is considered one of America's leading cinematographers.

Lowell Thomas says, "This is one of the best illustrated adventure shows of its kind that I've seen in a long time with many hair-raising scenes and good musical accompaniment. The story told by Eggert, kept me right on the edge of my seat. All in all, it is an exceptionally fine show."

It will be shown at the Berkeley High School Little Theatre, Allston Way at Grove Street, admission 90¢. Circle your calendar March 14, 8:00 p. m.

Tickets are available from Betty Christeler LAndscape 6-3954 or Randal Dickey, Jr. LAkehurst 2-8727 (office), LAkehurst 2-9384 (home). Don't wait, buy now!

## FIFTH BIENNIEL WILDERNESS CONFERENCE

Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco
March 15-16, 1957

One of the key conservation events of 1957, the Fifth Biennial Wilderness Conference will bring together key people who, by vocation and avocation, are leaders in the movement that is preserving the wilderness of North America. The Conference is sponsored by the Sierra Club in cooperation with the Wilderness Society, the American Planning and Civic Association, the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, the Izaak Walton League of America, and the National Parks Association, together with many governmental agencies.

A dynamic program has been planned. Papers on the needs, the importance, and various elements and enjoyment of wilderness here and abroad, are being prepared by leaders in the field. As always, ample time has been allotted for discussion from the floor.

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## NATURAL SCIENCE REPORT AND CALENDAR

Museums

Natural Science is most natural out-of-doors. However, the more perishable specimens and spectators need shelter and labels. Hence museums. The February Natural Science meeting was a variation from our usually sedentary evenings. The 35 or so spectators enjoyed an extended, informal tour of the California Academy work rooms. Curator Cecil Tose showed and explained a generous sample of the fantastic miscellany required of curators. We began with a partly reconstructed hippo in the plaster and plasticene stage, from an original contributed by stock broker Dean Witter. (Mr. Tose estimated that about three months of heaving and hauling would be needed to give a reasonably life-like model able to withstand the onslaught of the younger public). We ended with a look at the store room for animal pelts. In between: a growing appreciation for efforts to show and account for things of interest in our own locale -- and more and more efforts to show relationships instead of things. We enjoy seeing the African beasts and plants and scenery. It's even more stimulating to picture rhinos, camels, and such roaming the East Bay as recently as the Miocene.

Now think about joining us at another museum, the Josephine D. Randall Junior Museum at 8 p.m. March 15, on 16th Street off Roosevelt Way. Curator Walker will explain the Museum's program, which is mainly for youth but includes facilities for adult hobby groups. I have also asked Mr. Walker to show the ways and means of preparing mineral specimens, in the event that anything interesting turns up from the Carson Hill outing.

Do you eat? Consider making a reservation with Wilfred or Alice Ward, LA 6-4176 for supper before the March 15 meeting. We'll eat at the Maison Paul on Grove near Market at 6:00. Standard dinners run from $1.50 to $3.50.

--Wilfred H. Ward

## LET'S KNOW ALASKA

Lowell Sumner, biologist with the National Park Service, has graciously consented to show his slides on the parks and monuments of Alaska at the East Bay Dinner. We will meet at the usual place, Whittier School Cafeteria, Berkeley, Wednesday, March 13, to hear this experienced lecturer.

Dinner is at 6:30, the program about 7:30. Phone Betty Franklin at OL 5-5113 for reservations or cancellations by Monday evening, March 11.

--Elaine Carl

## EARN AND LEARN IN GAME MANAGEMENT

The Humboldt State College, Division of Natural Resources at Arcata, California is offering an Undergraduate Assistantship in Game Management. The stipend is $1770 for the first year and $1860 for the second year.

Applicants must be acceptable for graduate studies at Humboldt State College with an objective of candidacy for the degree of Master of Science in Game Management.

The graduate assistantship is concerned with rearing and caring for the game birds and mammals used in teaching and research work at the college. The announced stipend is for 20 hours of work per week for twelve months a year. The duties of this position are independent of the work that may be required for a Master's Thesis.

An application for the assistantship should include an official transcript, recent photograph, four references, a summary of experience in this field, and personal data.

Application must be received by April 15, 1957. Please send application to: Dr. Charles F. Yocom, Chairman, Division of Natural Resources, Wildlife Building, Humboldt State College, Arcata, California.

## IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

I have been an ardent admirer and reader of yours for several years--and always have been looking out for that yellow mimeographed pamphlet amongst my other letters reaching me through the mail.

It may be said, that I am "old fashioned"--but I really DID PREFER the old crude way to the rather sophisticated and fancy look of the recent editions.

First of all, I have a terrific urge of throwing all printed matters in the waste basket without giving it as much as a glance. It thus happens, that the Yodeler has been terribly neglected and found on several occasions unopened--right in that basket.

....perhaps we could go back to the good old yellow colour, so that all of us can spot the new Yodeler amongst all the other useless advertisements--and mainly go back to the old print.... the new print is MOST UNPLEASANT and hard on the eyes!

--Elizabeth V. Zierer

Editor's Note: Do our other readers agree?

## BUS TO NORDEN

As a result of the recent article pointing out the advantages of the Sierra Club Charter Bus to Norden, many inquiries have been made asking for details of its operation. Although this information has been published before, it is hoped this refresher will be of assistance to all.

Schedule

Departure every Friday evening.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lv. | 6:15 | San Francisco Terminal Bldg. from Fremont Street. |
| Lv. | 7:00 | Berkeley S. P. Station, Ft. of University Ave. |
| Ar. | 12:00 | Norden |

Return every Sunday evening.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Lv. | 6:00 p. m.. | Norden |
| Ar. | 8:30 p. m. | Sacramento - Rest stop |
| Ar. | 10:30 p. m. | Berkeley |
| Ar. | 11:00 p. m. | San Francisco |

It must be pointed out that road and driving conditions vary considerably during the height of the winter season, and the arrival times indicated above serve only as an approximate guide. Safety is the primary consideration. Actual driving conditions will govern arrival time.

Meeting the bus

Both departure points are served by public transportation. Drivers will find private parking facilities in proximity to the Terminal Bldg. in S. F. and public parking at the Berkeley stop. Many Peninsula and S. F. patrons cross the Bay Bridge to meet the bus at this more convenient location.

Luggage

Adequate space is provided for the normal equipment and dunnage needed by the skier for his weekend. However, he should be cautioned that he is responsible for his own portage to CTL from the highway, and will find it prudent to limit himself to necessities.

Duration of Operation

Although subject to change due to patronage, it is expected to operate each weekend through April 5 to 7, 1957.

Reservations

Reservations may be made most conveniently at time of making lodge reservations or, if space is available up to 4 p. m. Friday prior to departure through the Sierra Club Reservation Office. Rate: $6.00 round trip. ($3.50 one way, if space is available).

--Jim Mulholland

SIERRA CLUB
**RIVER TOURING SECTION**
SAN FRANCISCO BAY CHAPTER

## BOAT SHOW - MARCH 1

The Lake Merritt Canoe House on Oak Street, Oakland, will be the locale of the River Touring Section's first boat show. On exhibit will be about thirty different kinds of paddlecraft - from the most inexpensive homemade variety to the very best that money can buy.

The boat show marks the beginning of the Section's annual training program which will be held on Tuesday evenings through April.

## MOVIES OF BOAT TRIPS

During the week of March 25-29, the Roos Bowl (the little theater in the Roos sporting goods "den") is featuring Georgie White and her movies of the Grand Canyon, San Juan, Snake, and Salmon River boat trips. These movies will be free to the public and are shown from 11:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. each week day. Georgie White will be there in person to narrate the films and answer questions.

The schedule of showings (subject to change of days but fairly certain) will be as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mon. | March 25: | "The Mighty Grand Canyon" |
| Tues. | March 26: | "Beckoning Waters" - Middle Fork, Salmon River of No Return, Salmon Hills Canyon, Snake |
| Wed. | March 27: | "The Mighty Grand Canyon" |
| Thurs. | March 28: | Grand Canyon of the Colorado Cataract of the Colorado |
| Fri. | March 29: | "The Mighty Grand Canyon" |

## RTS GET-TOGETHER

Tuesday, March 12, 8 p. m. the River Touring Section will assemble for a special showing of last summer's Arkansas River Race movies.

The location is not yet determined -- call Lou Elliott, OLympic 5-3801, Barbara Tilden, OLympic 5-9521, or Elsa Baily, MArket 1-4364.

## DITTO MACHINE

The Chapter now has a brand new ditto machine for use in connection with Chapter activities. It will be available for use on the East Bay side. Chapter activity people please take notice. For information, contact any executive committee member.

## OLDEST LIVING TREES FOUND

White Mountains -- Ancient pines, more than 4,000 years old have been found growing in the upper timberline of the White Mountains in eastern California by Dr. Edward Schulman of the University of Arizona Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, and his assistant, C. W. Ferguson, Jr.

The trees are world's oldest known living things, and exceed the age of the oldest dated Giant Sequoias of California by about 1,000 years.

Bristlecone pines in the 2000-3000 year range were found and sampled in the Panamint Mountains and also in Nevada. Several trees well over 1000 years old but under 2000 were found in southern Utah and northern Arizona.

-- From
Desert Magazine
December, 1956

## A WELCOME TO TOIYABE

The name Toiyabe immediately brings to mind the name of one of Nevada's better known National Forests and from now on it will be even more significant, for Toiyabe is to be the name of the newest chapter of the Sierra Club. Apparently Reno and Carson City will share honors as headquarters for this group, but due to the lack of density of population in the area, it is assumed that the boundaries of this chapter will be large enough to include the entire eastern slope of the Sierra.

All success to the 70 members of Toiyabe Chapter - and here's hoping that our two schedule committees can soon coordinate some outings, so that all of us can get acquainted.

## HAVASU WITH WAMPLER
April 21-26

Again this year Joe Wampler is extending a special invitation to Sierra Club members to join one of his trips to Havasu Canyon, the most beautiful tributary canyon to the Grand Canyon. This is a camping and packing-in trip. 25 pounds of dunnage per person will be transported. The trip fee, a very special one to Sierrans, of $43.00 (a later refund of $5.00 if group reaches 25 or more) includes all meals from Sunday lunch to Friday lunch. There is an extra charge for cabins and horses. Reservations, accompanied by the full trip fee payable to Joe Wampler, should be addressed to

Ethel Unselt
286 Sagamore Street
San Francisco 12,
JUniper 4-6207

not later than April 1, 1957. The trip starts on Sunday morning, April 21, at Hilltop, at Havasu Canyon, and returns to Hilltop April 26th. For further information, please contact Ethel Unselt.

## FOR SALE

"Lederhosen" (Leather Shorts), imported from Germany. Original Bavarian article "Marke Bergfreund", steerhide, grey, in all sizes for adults and children. Also original leather suspenders, Bavarian jackets, hats, knee stockings and "Stutzen". Reasonable prices.
Phone Mrs. Annemarie Fahrenbach, 463 Hanover Ave., Oakland 6, Calif. GLencourt 2-1381

## FOR SALE

6' 9" Northland Aristocrat Skiis. Nearly new. $45.00.
Anita Suran, MOntrose 4-5423

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Have you ever attended a meeting of your Chapter executive committee? If not, you should! This is the committee which conducts the administrative affairs of the S. F. Bay Chapter, and is responsible for all of the various activities. If you have any questions or problems, contact a member of the committee, or the chairman, or better still, attend one of the meetings. Meetings are always open to members.

## OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in the activities of the Chapter Conservation Committee and you cannot make meetings, (first Thursday, 7:45, Club Office) you can be on the committee's mailing list. Send your name to Larry Williams, Box 103, Canyon, California.

## AUDUBON SOCIETY CONVENTION

Everyone is welcome to attend the Audubon Society's Convention at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Saturday April 13 to April 16.

The announcement sounds fascinating. There will be trips, led by specialists in each field, to Moss Landing and the Hattan Ranch in Carmel Valley; morning bird walks; an ocean-going boat trip; a visit to Point Lobos Reserve State Park: "The greatest meeting of land and water in the world"; films, exhibits, etc., etc.

This will all be revealed in beautiful surroundings with comfortable lodgings, good food and informal social activities at the Audubon Convention.

For further information and reservations you may contact the Society at 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, California or call TH. 8-4042.

## CTL LODGE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Lodge Committee will meet at Clair Tappaan on Saturday evening, March 16. Prime topics of discussion will be summer operations and projects.

It's an open meeting - and you're invited. If you have any suggestions concerning the Lodge, here's your chance to be heard. If you cannot come to the meeting, please air your views to anyone on the committee, or to chairman, Bob McGillicuddy.

## WE'RE PROUD!

Both the Bay Area Ski Federation Meet and the Ski Patrol Competition were won by the Sierra Club.

Not quite that good but still creditable, Ellie Godon came in 2nd and Louise Dunlap somewhat later, in the Vanderbilt Trophy Race.

## LUDLOW HUT - RAQUETTEERS TRIP
February 22-24

Friday morning found some eager Raquetteers busy shovelling snow for parking space at the McKinney Creek Road. Skies were grey, but no sprinkles. Most of us had met before at one trip or another, and it was a most congenial group that ascended through the wooded valley

We identified several birds and noted animal trails that crossed our path. As we started our last surge uphill to Ludlow, the snow began to fall with the wind blustering white clouds around us. As our packs began to feel heavy, we began peering anxiously through through the trees for that welcome outline of a roof. Suddenly, there it was!

The steaks we brought were the greatest, cooked to order with everyone pitching in. It snowed and stormed three days and nights. The stars came through once, only to disappear again. Saturday we journeyed across the lake and up Sourdough Hill. A view there was not, but the snow on the trees and shrubs was most picturesque. Upon returning to the hut the more ambitious repaired snowshoes but most of us enjoyed exchanging tales (river touring, car camping, hikes, etc.) while munching piping hot popcorn.

I must say, the abominable "Tower" was much improved over last year. It is now within my climbing "class" anyway.

As our last morning dawned we hopefully prayed to be snowbound, but duty won and we were off, taking pictures like mad, marvelling at the white world around us. And now, for the "happy" ending? Not yet! Further down the snow turned to sleet and finally rain as we mushed along, soaked and thinking only of getting to the cars as soon as possible. It was a good trip, and thank you, Clyde Wyborg, for a fine job well done.

--Pauline Praasterink

## WEST POINT CLUB HOSTESS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH AND APRIL, 1957

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mar. | 16-17 | Mary Garland | WAlnut 1-5452 Eve. |
| *Mar. | 23-24 | Edna Laumann | THornwall 5-8557 Eve. |
| Mar. | 30-31 | Alice Balivo | THornwall 5-8991 Eve. |
| *Apr. | 6-7 | Tillie Smedberg & Amy Deeter | UNderhill 1-9774 Eve. |
| Apr. | 13-14 | Alice Higgins | ORdway 3-1146 Eve. |
| *Apr. | 20-21 | Albert Vigeant & Ivan Tarnowsky | MOntrose 4-8998 Any time |
| Apr. | 27-28 | Helen Peterson | OVerland 1-0504 Eve. |

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I'm afraid, Hadley, you haven't quite gotten the spirit of knapsacking.

Do you think knapsacking is like this? Learn what it's really like. See some experienced knapsackers! Come to the training program, designed to prepare beginners for week-end trips. Assembly Hall, 3rd floor, Mills Tower, 220 Bush, SF, 8 p.m. Monday March 11.

## KNAPSACKERS' PARTY

Knapsacking season got off to a fine start Saturday night March 2, when 86 pack rats gathered at Sigmund Stern Grove for a party.

Chris (Jean Christine) Ingersoll and her decorating committee placed topo maps of all our favorite areas [illegible] the walls just high enough to make us yearn. Os[illegible]rtiz spent all day making a fine spaghetti sauce [illegible] though he underestimated the time it takes water [illegible]il on gas stoves --at that it's taken longer on a [illegible]Padres stove -- he is now available on request for cooking for large groups. Save the weekend of June 16-17 if you want to sample his cooking.

Henry Crall came up from Los Gatos to show his slides of last summer's Trinity Alps knapsack trip. Tootie Hoopes came from Carmel to play and sing with Jody Mills. She kept people happy til dinner was served. Then we danced and had fun.

--Mildred Holota

## TRIP LEADERS NOTE!

Yodeler can now reproduce any maps or sketches you send in pertaining to directions for trips.

Also - please send us your black and white photographs.

And - while we're on the subject of sending - how about some of those friends of yours who can write or type or speak English?